



DEPARTMENT OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY  
CITY OF CHICAGO

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Via email  
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Dear Mr. Chapman

This letter is in response to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request received by the City of Chicago Department of Innovation & Technology on November 1, 2019 for Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act., I hereby request the following records:

*"The to, from, cc, bcc and time of all emails sent by or received by the DoIT in 2019 that indicates that any of a server's disk is full.*

*If from the production, the to, from, cc, bcc, are exempt for 7(1)(o) for any reason, then please only include the time. If it would be unduly burdensome to determine whether 7(1)(o) or other exemptions are necessary, then please only include the time.*

*The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.*

*In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.*

*Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 5 business days, as the statute requires."*

*The to, from, cc, bcc and time of all emails sent by or received by the DoIT in 2019 that indicates that any of a server's disk is full.*

The FOIA provides in 5 ILCS 140/3(g) that requests for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome for the complying body and there is no way to narrow the request and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information.

I am requesting clarification as to what you are seeking when you use the phrase "to, from, cc, bcc and time of all emails sent by or received by the DoIT in 2019 that indicates that any of a server's disk is full".

Because of the broadness of the phrasing, the language could potentially include a myriad of documents that would be exempt from disclosure. Also, without further clarification, a massive search would be required to look for documents that would potentially be included under the umbrella of "ANY AND ALL" OR "to, from, cc, bcc and time of all emails sent by or received by the DoIT in 2019 records. Thereby, as your FOIA request is currently written, the dedication of staff and/or resources is unduly burdensome on the daily operations of the Department of Innovation & Technology

Your FOIA request for "to, from, cc, bcc and time of all emails sent by or received by the DoIT in 2019" is also unduly burdensome because it presumably includes e-mails. It is onerous to conduct an e-mail search given the parameters set forth in your request. The City's e-mail search engine has the following requirements for a search: (1) the e-mail address of the account you wish searched; (2) key words you wish to search for; (3) the e-mail address of each individual's mailbox, if you seek e-mail correspondence to and from two individuals; and (4) the timeframe to be searched. Your request only contains the timeframe of 2019.

Without the required information, the Department of Innovation & Technology would need to recreate each and every mailbox for every Department of Innovation & Technology employee for the time frame requested, which is both unduly burdensome and costly. That aside, after recreating each of these e-mail boxes, each and every e-mail message a Department of Innovation & Technology employee received or sent would have to be downloaded and reviewed to determine if it is responsive to your request or is exempt from disclosure.

Therefore, it is necessary that your FOIA request seeking *"The to, from, cc, bcc and time of all emails sent by or received by the DoIT in 2019 that indicates that any of a server's disk is full."* records be narrowed and clarified. If you would like assistance in narrowing your request, please contact me and I will assist. Otherwise, as explained above, as your FOIA request is currently drafted, the Department of Innovation & Technology is unable to respond to the request.

If you agree to narrow your request, you must submit a revised written request to my attention. The Department of Innovation & Technology will take no further action or send you any further correspondence unless and until your current request is narrowed in writing. If we do not receive your narrowed request within fourteen (14) calendar days of the date of this letter, your current request will be denied.

In the event that we do not receive a narrowed request and your current FOIA request is therefore denied, you will have a right of review by the Illinois Attorney General's Public Access Counselor, who can be contacted at 500 S. Second St., Springfield, IL 62706 or by telephone at (217) 558-0486. You may also seek judicial review of a denial under 5 ILCS 140/11 of FOIA.

Sincerely,



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